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Thomas P. Gaffey, Co-Chair
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Education Committee
Room 3100, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Regarding Raised Bill # 6666, Section 7

An act requiring School Districts to utilized Board Certified Behavior Analysts when and individual education plan includes applied behavior analytic services as part of a students special education

To whom it may concern:

We are Connecticut parents of a child with autism. It goes without saying that our daily life is exhausting, heart breaking, and nothing like what we thought it would be when we were expecting our first child seven years ago. Our tireless journey is only made bearable by the level of services we receive for our son from our school district which are supervised by an applied behavior analyst. In 5 years of therapy, ABA is what has made the difference for our son. This is not the case for all Connecticut parents but it must be if their children are to have the opportunity to live a productive and fulfilling life. We are in support of Raised Bill #6666, Section 7 because all children with autism are entitled to a free and appropriate education provided by qualified instructors, and this the only way to ensure it is provided.

Sincerely,
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